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AMENDMENT NO. _____

Calendar No. _____

Purpose: To require a study on the use of commercial communications programs services.

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To authorize programs of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, and for other purposes.

Referred to the Committee on _____ and ordered to be printed

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AMENDMENT intended to be proposed by Mr. UDALL

Viz:

1 At the end of title VIII, add the following:

2 **SEC. 816. STUDY ON COMMERCIAL COMMUNICATIONS**

3 **SERVICES.**

4 (a) SENSE OF CONGRESS.—It is the sense of Con-
5 gress that—

6 (1) enhancing the ability of researchers to con-
7 duct and interact with experiments while in flight
8 would make huge advancements in the overall profit-
9 ability of conducting research on sub-orbit and low-
10 Earth orbit payloads; and

1 (2) current NASA communications do not allow
2 for real-time data collection, observation, or trans-
3 mission of information.

4 (b) STUDY.—The Administrator shall conduct a
5 study on the feasibility, impact, and cost of using commer-
6 cial communications programs services for sub-orbital
7 flight programs and low-Earth orbit research.

8 (c) REPORT.—Not later than 18 months after the
9 date of the enactment of this Act, the Administrator shall
10 submit to Congress and make publically available a report
11 that describes the results of the study conducted under
12 subsection (a).